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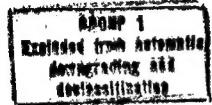
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ITEMS.

1. A NEWLY IDENTIFIED ROAD IS OBSERVED FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH ROUTE 12/23 BY-PASS (BY-PASS NO. 1 REPORTED IN REF A) AT 1739N 10546E (UTM WE 815517) EXTENDING IN A SOUTHEASTERLY DIRECTION TO 1737N 10547E (UTM WE842494). ALTHOUGH THE ROAD SUPPORTS HEAVY VEHICULAR TRAFFIC, IT IS UNKNOWN WHETHER IT LEADS TO A REST/REFUEL AREA OR MARKS THE END OF CONSTRUCTION OF A ROAD BEING BUILT SOUTH TO BAN XONNE.

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2. THE ROUTE 12/23 BY-PASS EAST (BY-PASS NO. 2 REPORTED IN REF B) HAS BEEN EXTENDED FROM 1735N 10545E (UTM WE799459), IMMEDIATELY EAST OF THE REPORTED (REF B) WOODEN BRIDGE NORTHWARD TO A JUNCTION WITH ROUTE 12/23 BY-PASS (BY-PASS NO. 1) AT 1738N 10545E (UTM WE804493). THREE ADDITIONAL ROADS BRANCH OFF THIS EXTENSION AND EXTEND WESTWARD TO JUNCTIONS WITH THE ROUTE 12/23 BY-PASS (BY-PASS NO. 1). THESE NEW ROADS FORD THE NAM HEU (STREAM) AT UTM WE798470, UTM WE801477, UTM WE803482 AND UTM WE805490. ALL FOUR FORDS AND THE ORIGINAL BRIDGE APPEAR SERVICEABLE.

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3. ROUTE 12 BY-PASS WEST (BY-PASS NO. 3 REPORTED IN REF C) DOES NOT APPEAR TO HAVE BEEN EXTENDED NORTH TO A JUNCTION WITH ROUTE 12. IT IS POSSIBLE THAT THE CONSTRUCTION OF THIS BY-PASS HAS BEEN STOPPED.

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4. THE FIVE HUNDRED PERSONNEL LOCATED APPROXIMATELY 3000 YARDS EAST OF MUGIA PASS CHOKING POINT (1735N 10544E) ON A NEW ROAD U/C (AS REPORTED IN REF D) APPEARS TO BE VEGATATION THAT HAS BEEN PLACED ALONG THE ROUTE 12/23 BY-PASS EAST (BY-PASS NO. 2 REF B) AS A CRUDE ATTEMPT TO CAMOUFLAGE THE BY-PASS.

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5. AS REPORTED IN THE MISSION IPIR, (REF E), A NEW ROAD UNDER CONSTRUCTION LEADING WEST FROM ROUTE 101 NEAR THE VILLAGE OF XOM VE (1753N 10549E) WAS NOT OBSERVED. HOWEVER, A NEW ROAD WAS

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OBSERVED UNDER CONSTRUCTION LEADING SOUTH FROM THE VILLAGE OF XOM MANG AT 1752N 10550E (UTM WE898762). VEHICLE TRACKS EXTEND SOUTH FROM ROUTE 101 FOR A DISTANCE OF 2300 YARDS. EIGHT STRETCHES OF CLEARING OPERATION INDICATE THE FUTURE ROAD ALIGNMENT FOR AN ADDITIONAL 3000 YARDS. THE SOUTHERN TERMINUS OF THE 2.5 NM ROAD CONSTRUCTION AT 1749N 10551E (UTM WE911716) IS LOCATED 10.5 NM FROM THE LAOS/NVN BORDER.

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MAP REF: GEOGRAPHIC COORDS FROM USATC SERIES 0617-14HL, 0617-19HL,
UTM COORDINATES FROM SERIES L7012 SHEETS 6163 I, 6163
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